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ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTIONS 9.02.005-9.02.060 AND ADDING SECTION 9.02.065 ("CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS") OF CHAPTER 9.02 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

The City Council of the City of Culver City, California, **DOES HEREBY**ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1: That Sections 9.02.005-9.02.060 are hereby being amended and restated and Section 9.02.065 is hereby being added (collectively, "California Fire Code Adoption and Amendments") to Chapter 9.02 of Title 9 of the Culver City Municipal Code; and that certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as the 2024 International Fire Code, with errata, incorporating Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations known as the 2025 California Fire Code, with errata, including the 2025 Fire Code Chapter 1 as amended, Chapter 2 as amended, Chapter 3 as amended, Chapter 9 as amended, Chapter 10 as amended, Chapter 31 as amended, Chapter 49 as amended, Chapter 80 as amended, Appendix Chapter 4, Appendix B, Appendix BB, Appendix C, Appendix CC, Appendix D, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, Appendix H, Appendix I, and Appendix N, as amended by the State Fire Marshal and adopted by the California Building Standards Commission, adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Culver City, in the State of California, and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the City Clerk of Culver City are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as though fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, amendments, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 2: Sections 9.02.005-9.02.060 are hereby amended and restated in their entirety and Section 9.02.065 is hereby added to Chapter 9.02 of Title 9 of the Culver City Municipal Code to read as follows:

California Fire Code Adoption and Amendments The 2024 International Fire Code with the 2025 9.02.005 California Fire Code adopted by reference 9.02.010 Violations and penalties 9.02.015 Amendments, additions, deletions, and substitutions Amendment; Chapter 1 of the California Fire Code 9.02.020 9.02.025 Amendment; Chapter 2 of the California Fire Code Amendment; Chapter 4 of the California Fire Code 9.02.030 9.02.035 Amendment; Chapter 5 of the California Fire Code 9.02.040 Amendment; Chapter 9 of the California Fire Code 9.02.045 Amendment; Chapter 10 of the California Fire Code 9.02.050 Amendment; Chapter 20 of the California Fire Code 9.02.055 Amendment; Chapter 48 of the California Fire Code

§ 9.02.005 THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

A. The City Council hereby adopts all chapters, certain amendments, additions, deletions and exceptions to the 2024 International Fire Code, with errata, incorporating Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations known as the 2025 California Fire Code, with errata, including the 2025 Fire Code Chapter 1 as amended, Chapter 2 as amended, Chapter 3 as amended, Chapter 9 as amended, Chapter 10 as amended, Chapter 31 as amended, Chapter 49 as amended, Chapter 80 as amended, Appendix Chapter 4, Appendix B, Appendix BB, Appendix C, Appendix CC, Appendix D, Appendix E, Appendix

Amendment; Appendix C of the California Fire Code

Amendment; Appendix D of the California Fire Code

F, Appendix G, Appendix H, Appendix I, and Appendix N as adopted by the California Building Standards Commission, Chapter 9.02 of this Code, the Zoning Code, as set forth in Title 17 of this Code, and any other City regulations relating to existing zoning, fireworks, and building trades, is hereby adopted. The provisions of the International Fire Code, with errata, California Fire Code, and Fire Code Appendices, as indicated above, shall be applicable in the City and referred to as the "Fire Code of the City of Culver City."

B. One copy of the Fire Code of the City of Culver City shall be available in the Fire Prevention office for public inspection.

§ 9.02.010 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

- A. No person shall violate any provision or fail to comply with the requirements of the Fire Code of the City of Culver City, hereinafter referred to as the "Fire Code." Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the requirements of the Fire Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished in accordance with §1.01.035 and §1.01.040 of this Code.
- B. In addition to the penalties herein provided above, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any provision of the Fire Code, shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be summarily abated as such, and each day such condition continues, shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.

§ 9.02.015 AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

The Fire Code is amended as provided in this Subchapter.

§ 9.02.020 AMENDMENTS; CHAPTER 1 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Section 104.1.1 Fire Prevention Standard Operating Policy Manual. A Fire Code Departmental Policy Manual, known as the Culver City Fire Prevention Standard Operating Guidelines has been created and adopted to serve as instructions and interpretations of the adopted Fire Code. The Policy Manual shall be a published document, maintained in the

Fire Prevention office, and amended from time to time to provide current instruction and interpretation.

Section 105.1.1.1 Permit Fees. Permit Fees shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council.

Section 105.5.4.1 Aviation. An operational permit is required for all types of aircraft that are flying, hovering, landing, lifting, filming, parking, or conducting similar activities.

Section 105.5.16.1 Permits to Conduct Displays of Fireworks Granted by City Council. The City Council, by resolution, upon written application as provided in this Subchapter and subject to the provisions of this Subchapter, may grant two (2) permits to conduct a public display of fireworks in a calendar year, each display to occur on a separate date. The City Council may by resolution, grant an additional special permit for a public fireworks display sponsored by the City.

Section 105.5.16.2 Application for Permit; Conditions for Filing. An application for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be filed in compliance with all of the following:

- A. Application for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be filed in the Office of the City Manager, on forms provided by the City, at least 180 days prior to the date requested for conducting the public display of fireworks.
 - B. The following information shall be included on the application:
- The location of the public display of fireworks as approved by the Culver City Fire Department;
- 2. The location for storage of the fireworks to be displayed as approved by the Culver City Fire Department, if within the City;
- 3. Who, if anyone, will provide management services to the applicant for the public display of fireworks and evidence that such manager has complied with all business tax certificate requirements; and

- 4. Transportation routes and any other information deemed necessary by the City Council for the consideration of the application.
- C. Evidence of the following types of insurance in a form with endorsements as approved by the City Attorney and in an amount as established by the City Attorney and the Fire Chief, but not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be filed with the application:
- 1. Commercial general liability insurance; combined single limit, bodily injury and property damage, each occurrence;
 - 2. Premises/operation liability;
- 3. Contractual liability, specifically referencing indemnification agreements with the City; and
 - 4. Products liability, including completed operations liability.
- D. All fees required pursuant to this Code and City Council resolution shall be paid at the time of filing the application; and
- E. Evidence of compliance with any special conditions required by the Culver City Fire Department because of the location of the public display of fireworks.

Section 105.5.16.3 Conditions Governing Permit. Any permit granted to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be governed by all of the following:

- A. The public display of fireworks shall be conducted by a duly licensed pyrotechnician who shall have obtained Culver City Fire Department approval no later than the last day of June of the year in which the permit is granted;
- B. One public display of fireworks may be conducted on July 4th, and one may be conducted on another day. Any fireworks display shall be conducted strictly in accordance with all regulations and conditions specified in this Subchapter and in the City Council resolution granting the permit;
 - C. Any attempt to transfer a permit to any person shall void the permit;

D. The permittee shall agree, in writing, to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, representatives, and employees from any loss or liability or damages, including expenses and costs, for bodily injury or property damage sustained by any person as a result of any operation related to the permit; and

E. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Subchapter shall preclude consideration of any application filed if permits have not been granted thereunder; and shall be sufficient cause of the revocation of any permit previously issued.

Section 105.5.16.4 Time Limits. The City Council, by resolution, may extend or shorten the time requirements established by this Subchapter.

Section 105.5.16.5 Rescission of Prohibition. The prohibition set forth in Chapter 56 of the California Fire Code shall not be rescinded by the City Council without the approval of a majority of the voters voting at a regular or special election.

Section 105.5.41.1 Special Events and Assemblage. A permit is required for special events and assemblages.

Section 105.5.41.2 Non-Defined Operations. An operational permit may be required after a Fire Department Review for hazards to people or property from the proposed operation, system or event.

Section 105.5.41.3 Permits. A permit shall be required as set forth in the Culver City, City Council approved fee schedule for all special event and assemblages.

Section 105.5.41.4 Special Event Application and Submittals. All special events and assemblages shall be submitted to the Fire Department for review. All applications shall have a contact name, phone number, business name, address, a plot plan, floor plan and sufficient detail and information to allow for a comprehensive evaluation. Permits, Fire Safety Officers, security, and other issues determined by the review shall be provided by the event organizer prior to allowing the event or assemblage to operate. Tents in excess of 400 square feet needed for a special event or assemblage shall meet the requirements of Chapter 31 and require a separate fire permit.

Section 112.1.1 Appeals. Protests and appeals from the enforcement of this Code shall be made to the Municipal Code Appeals Committee in accordance with Section 1.01.065 of the Culver City Municipal Code.

§ 9.02.025 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 2 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 2 Definitions is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 202, Existing Building/Structure Square Footage. The existing square footage of a building/structure is defined as the remaining square footage after all demolition of the building has been completed.

Section 202, Existing Roof Structure Square Footage. The existing square footage of a roof structure is defined as the remaining square footage of the roof structure after all demolition of the roof structure has been completed.

§ 9.02.030 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 4 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

Chapter 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 403.10.1.5.1 Identification. Identification numbers shall be provided for all individual units in covered mall buildings, multi-unit buildings and other commercial complexes, and shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible. The position and size of such identification numbers shall be determined by the Fire Code Official. Numbers and names shall be provided for all enclosed rooms and spaces, including service rooms, mechanical rooms, closets, and similar spaces to identify use.

§ 9.02.035 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 5 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 503.1.2.1 Difficult Apparatus Access. If the Fire Code Official or his/her designee determines that access for fire apparatus and equipment to any building or structure is unduly difficult, installation of an automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be required.

504.1.1 Keysets, Handles, Locks and Keys. As determined by a Fire Department review, all noted exterior doors shall be provided with locksets and handles for Fire Department Access. Keys for required access shall be provided by the owner and made readily available in the KNOX Box.

Section 504.5 Catwalks and Ladders. Upon review, buildings with parapets and other construction that exceeds five (5) feet from the roof may be required to provide non-combustible catwalks and ladders.

Section 504.6 Exterior Structure Requirements. All buildings with wall tops and/or parapets with soft materials, rails or other construction that creates a hazard to safe access for firefighting purposes shall have solid surfaces to support the use of ladders, firefighters with gear and other suppression equipment. Review and approval of surfaces shall be by the Fire Code Official.

§ 9.02.040 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 9 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

Chapter 9 of the Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 901.4.1.1 Automatic Fire-Extinguishing System. An automatic fire-extinguishing (sprinkler) system shall be installed in every new building in the City, including any new residential building, hereinafter constructed or moved into the City, regardless of area separation or type of construction.

EXCEPTION: New buildings/additions less than 500 square feet may be exempted upon approval of the Fire Code Official.

Section 901.4.1.2 Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Family. In existing commercial, industrial and multi-family residential occupancies, fire sprinklers shall be required in existing and new portions of the building for height increases, area increases of 50% or more, and for any occupancy change that increases fire risk or hazard.

Section 901.4.1.3 Residential. Existing one and two family dwellings shall be required to install a fully automatic fire sprinkler system in existing and new portions of the building when a story is added, more than 75% of the existing roof structure is replaced, or

when the enclosed floor area is increased by more than 75%. NOTE: See Culver City Amended Chapter 2 for the definition of "EXISTING BUILDING/STRUCTURE AND ROOF STRUCTURE."

Section 903.3.5.1 Domestic Service. Where the domestic service provides the water supply for the automatic sprinkler system, the supply shall be a minimum 1-inch water meter.

Section 903.3.8.1.1 Partial Fire Sprinkler Systems. Where in the Fire Code or the Building Code a partial fire sprinkler system is allowed or required, the fire sprinkler system shall be installed, modified or extended to protect the entire building or structure.

Section 903.3.8.5.1 Hydraulically Calculated Systems. The design of hydraulically calculated fire sprinkler systems shall not exceed 90% of the water supply capacity.

Section 903.4.2.1 Interior Audible Device. An interior audible device shall be required in an approved location and shall be connected to the automatic sprinkler system.

Section. 907.1.6 Projection Room Controls. All projection equipment and audio equipment shall be interconnected to the fire alarm system for shut down, upon an interrupt signal from the fire alarm panel, to prevent interference of all visual and audible evacuation devices and directions from the theatre staff for evacuation directions.

§ 9.02.045 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 10 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 10 is hereby amended to add Section 1006.3.5 to read as follows:

1006.3.5 Single-exit buildings with Group R-2 dwelling units with an occupied floor or roof above the third story. Single-exit, Group R-2 occupancy buildings with an occupied floor or roof above the third story are hereby permitted within the City of Culver City so long as they strictly comply with all of the following in addition to the requirements of this Code, and the California Building Code where specified, other than CBC Section 1006.3.4:

1. All dwelling units or accessory dwelling units shall meet the definitions of dwelling units or accessory dwelling units as defined in Chapter 2, and no

not be permitted. 3 2. The building is not classified as a high-rise building as defined in Chapter 2. 4 3. The floor area of each floor (story or basement) shall not exceed 4,000 net 5 habitable square feet (371.6 m²). 6 4. There shall be no more than two single exit stairway conditions on the same 7 property. 8 5. Single-exit buildings over three stories are not permitted in any area 9 designated as a Fire Hazard Severity Zone pursuant to Section 9.02.400 of 10 this Code. 11 6. The building shall be of VA (four stories maximum), IVA, IVB, IVC, IIIA, IIA, IB, or IA type of construction. 12 13 7. Recycling, waste, and linen chute access shall be located within a separate room and shall not be accessible from the interior stairway. The separate 14 chute access room shall have no horizontal dimension less than five feet 15 (1.53 m) nor be less than 25 square feet (2.32 m²) in area. 16 8. Each dwelling unit and each accessory dwelling unit shall be limited to a 17 maximum of six habitable spaces as defined in Chapter 2. 18 9. An elevator is required for buildings that are five or six stories in height. All 19 stories must be served by the elevator. When an elevator is provided, it shall 20 comply with CBC Section 3002.4A, general stretcher requirements. 21 10. When an elevator is provided, it shall have a pressurized shaft or pressurized 22 hoistway that at all times must remain pressurized in accordance with CBC Section 909.21 at a minimum positive pressure of 0.10 inch of water (25Pa) 23 and a maximum positive pressure of 0.25 inch of water (67Pa) with respect to all adjacent areas on all floors, or shall open into elevator lobbies constructed 24 to comply with CBC Section 3006. 25 26 11. No more than 20 feet (6.10 m) of travel distance to the exit stairway as measured from the entry/exit door of any dwelling unit to the exit stairway 27 door or related passageway door shall be permissible. 28

other type of unit shall be permitted within the building.2. Group R-2

occupancies, as defined in CBC Section 310.3, within the building shall be

limited to apartment houses. Group R-2.1 and Group R-2.2 occupancies shall

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12. Other occupancies are permitted in the same building provided they separately comply with all the requirements of this Code. Other occupancies shall not communicate with the Group R occupancy portion of the building and shall be provided with a separate means of egress, distinct from the single-exit serving the Group R-2 occupancy.

EXCEPTION: Parking garages accessory to the Group R-2 occupancy are permitted to use the single-exit stairway.

- 13. Private roof decks up to 150 square feet (13.9 m²) per unit are permitted at or below the sixth story. The private roof deck must be accessible only through that individual unit. Individual roof decks shall be separated from other private roof decks and any other areas by a minimum 42-inch (1067 mm) tall guardrail or walls.
- 14. No more than a total of four dwelling units (including accessory dwelling units) shall be permitted on each story or basement level.
- 15. The building shall not exceed six stories, not more than 5 stories of Group R-2 occupancy are permitted to be served by a single exit stairway. Basement levels shall be counted as stories for the purpose of this limit.
- 16. Exit access doors shall swing in the direction of egress travel at the exterior or interior exit stairway, associated passageway, or vestibule, regardless of the occupant load served. Door swing shall not reduce or encroach into the required stair landing. Landings shall not be reduced by any amount when the door is in any position. Reductions in the minimum required landing dimensions, as allowed per CBC Section 1010.1.5 and CBC Section 1011.6, shall not be permitted.
- 17. The maximum exit access travel distance, measured in accordance with CBC Section 1017, shall not exceed 125 feet (38.1 m).
- 18. A corridor complying with CBC Section 1020 or an egress balcony complying with CBC Section 1021 shall separate each dwelling unit entry/exit door from the exit stairway, including any related passageway, on each floor. Corridor and egress balcony walls shall be of not less than 1-hour fire-resistance-rated construction. The egress balcony shall be separated from the interior of the building by walls and opening protectives as required for 1-hour fire-resistance-rated corridors.

19. Dwelling units, elevators, equipment rooms, storage rooms, trash rooms, and 1 other similar rooms or spaces shall not open into the interior exit stairway enclosure. 2 3 20. An exterior exit stairway or interior exit stairway shall be provided. The interior exit stairway, including any related passageways, shall be a smokeproof 4 enclosure in compliance with CBC Section 909.20. 5 6 21. Electrical receptacles shall be prohibited in an interior exit stairway. 7 22. Dwelling unit doors are permitted to open onto an exterior exit stairway as 8 long as the dwelling unit doors do not encroach into the stairs and required stairway landings. Reductions in the minimum required landing dimensions, 9 as allowed per CBC Section 1010.1.5 and CBC Section 1011.6, shall not be 10 permitted. 11 23. Exits shall terminate directly onto a public way that is 15 feet wide minimum 12 or onto an egress court where the width of the egress court is equal to or exceeds the court length and terminates at a public way that is no less than 13 15 feet wide. 14 24. The total horizontal travel distance from the edge of the roadway to the 15 farthest unit door (at any level), excluding the vertical rise within a stairway 16 (and associated landings), shall be less than 250 feet. 17 25. Notwithstanding CBC Section 1031.2, all basement levels and sleeping 18 rooms within any story or basement shall have not fewer than one emergency escape and rescue opening in accordance with CBC Section 1031. 19 20 26. The building shall be provided with a sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA-13 as adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and 21 amended by the City of Culver City. 22 23 27. A manual fire alarm system and automatic smoke detection system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with CBC Section 24 907.5 shall be provided. Smoke detectors shall be located in common spaces outside of dwelling units, including but not limited to gathering areas, laundry 25 rooms, mechanical equipment rooms, storage rooms, interior corridors, interior exit stairway, and passageways. 26

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28. Compliance with these requirements does not exempt Single-exit, Group R-2 occupancy buildings with an occupied floor or roof above the third story from any other applicable requirements of the City of Culver City Fire Code or the State Fire Code.

29. There shall be 20 feet of width in both the front and rear of the building for fire department access and operations, specifically with regard to aerial ladder usage. For the purposes of the rear requirement, a public alley, designated egress court, or other approved form of public access may be used to satisfy all or part of the required 20 feet.

§ 9.02.050 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 20 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 20 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2001.3.1 Permits. All flight operations within the City of Culver City are required to have an approved Culver City Fire Department permit. Permits shall cover but not be limited to: flight to perform lifts, hovering, fly over, landings, filming and other operations while flying, hovering or landing.

Section 2001.3.2 Operation and Review Standards. Compliance with CA Fire Code Chapter 20 and CCMC 9.09 shall be used to obtain a flight permit and the requirements for flight operations and approvals. All operations shall be reviewed and approved by the Fire Department. Landing, fueling, repairs, and storage are limited. The need for providing standby personnel, Fire Safety Officers and permits for any or all activities shall be determined by the Fire Department.

§ 9.02.055 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 48 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Chapter 48 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4804.6.1 Illumination. The approved perimeter aisles shall be illuminated at floor level with light fixtures spaced at intervals of not more than fifty (50) feet apart and providing a minimum light intensity of not less than (1) foot-candle. Power for the emergency light fixtures shall be supplied as required by Culver City Fire Department Regulations. All Exit and Emergency lights shall comply with the Building Code requirements for two sources of power with one of the two sources of power provided by approved batteries.

Section. 4804.10 Flammable Liquids and Compressed Gases on Sound Stages. Unless approved, in writing, by the Fire Code Official, flammable liquids and compressed flammable gases shall be prohibited on television and motion picture sound stages.

Section 4804.11 Fire Department Filming and Performance Regulations. All Motion Picture and Television Production Studio Sound Stages, Approved Production Facilities and Productions Locations shall comply with Culver City Fire Department Filming and Performance Regulations. Fire Department Filming Regulations are available for review at the Fire Prevention counter.

§ 9.02.060 AMENDMENT; APPENDIX C OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Appendix C is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section C101.1.2. Use Table as Indicated. Whenever the reference is made to Table C102.1, use Culver City Fire Department requirements of 300-foot fire hydrant spacing in commercial/industrial/residential areas for Hydrant Placement, Spacing and Specifications. Maximum distance of a fire hydrant to an FDC shall not exceed 100 feet.

§ 9.02.065 AMENDMENT; APPENDIX D, OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Appendix D is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section D101.1.2. Use Table as Indicated. Upon review of a project and based on Fire Department access and water supplies, the Fire Department may change the tables to mitigate special hazards.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or Ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 1 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.